

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3462

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

USOFFICE RFC PARIS

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFIN, SY

SUBJECT: U.S. CURRENCY

1. RFC ADVISES POST TO COMMUNICATE WITH DEPARTMENT, BF/FS, ATTENTION MRS. SHAFSHUF REGARDING ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING US CURRENCY.

2. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PURCHASE SMALL SUMS OF US CURRENCY FROM AMEMBASSY, BEIRUT FOR RESALE IN CONTROLLED AMOUNTS TO MEMBERS OF OUR AMERICAN STAFF WHEN PERFORMING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. THE POST IS NOW ADVISED THAT THIS TYPE OF PROCUREMENT WILL NO LONGER BE POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF US CURRENCY SHORT SUPPLY ON THE BEIRUT MARKET, AND THAT A PREMIUM PRICE OF 8 PER THOUSAND MAY HAVE TO BE PAID.

3. WE LOOKED INTO THIS MATTER IN DAMASCUS, AND THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST US OCCASIONALLY, BUT THEIR NET RATE WILL BE AT LEAST \$7 PER THOUSAND.

4. SINCE THE RFC HAS NO AUTHORITY TO SHIP US CURRENCY, REQUEST ADVISE ON BEST MEANS TO OBTAIN US CURRENCY.  
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